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GLASS AND CEMENT WORKS IMPROVE OUTPUT

LATVIAN GLASSWORKS SHOW IMPROVEMENT -- Sovetskaya Latvya, No 225, 22 Sep 48

The Riga "Kommunar" Glassworks fulfilled the 1948 plan on 11 September, gave the State one million rubles in return, and saved 30,000 rubles. Labor productivity was increased 20 percent, but rejected material totaled 20 percent. In the past few months, the glassworks turned out 80 - 85 percent of first-quality products. The enterprise resolved to produce an additional 350,000 rubles' worth of products and to save a half million rubles in excess of the plan by the end of 1948.

Sovetskaya Latvya, No 221, 17 Sep 48

The Ilgatsiyemskiy Glassworks in Latvian SSR has successfully completed its production program for 1948. In 8½ months the plant gave the state 1.4 million rubles in profits. Production costs in this period were lowered 15 percent more than the plan stipulated, while labor productivity increased 34 percent.

ASHKHBAD GLASSWORKS IMPROVES OUTPUT -- Turkmenkaya Iekra, No 185, 17 Sep 48

Although the Mechanized Glassworks imeni M. I. Kalinin fulfilled its program in 1947 ahead of schedule, it completed the year with considerable loss. With the introduction of new measures, it fulfilled its 7-month program for gross production in 1948 by 147 percent and produced one and a half times more top-quality glass than was planned. A total of 977,000 rubles in savings has already been effected. However, the Diesel power plant of the Glassworks was to supply the municipal power system with part of its production, but as yet the plant itself is supported by the city power plant.

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VACUUM DRIER INSTALLED AT VLADIMIR CEMENT PLANT -- Kommunist, No 221, 17 Sep 48

A new vacuum drier has been installed at the cement plant of "Vladpromstroy" (Vladimir Industrial Construction) Trust to turn out reinforced-concrete products without the use of cement molds.

As soon as the concrete is laid, the vacuum pump immediately begins to draw out the moisture, and the cement rapidly hardens. After 4 - 5 minutes, the concrete has acquired the necessary hardness four times faster than under the old process. The new method for making reinforced-concrete slabs saves a great deal of lumber and time.

CARDBOARD FACTORY FULFILLS 7-MONTH PLAN -- SB, No 178, 7 Sep 48

The "Ol'khovka" Cardboard Factory completed the 7-month plan 122.1 percent and lowered production costs 10 percent.

SAKHALIN GETS NEW PLANT -- Leninskoye Znarye, No 189, 22 Sep 48

A second plant for the production of prefabricated houses was put into operation in Sakhalin.

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